

Palaka language

Palaka (or 'Kpalaga') is a central *Senufo* language spoken by approximately 8,000 people in northern Ivory Coast. It is bordered to the south by *Djimini*, a southern Senufo language, and to the west by *Nyarafolo*, another Senufo language. North and east of the Palaka area live *Dioula* people.

Palaka constitutes a separate branch of the Senufo languages on its own, being rather different from them in morphology and phonology. It has been tentatively linked to *Nafaanra* language, an isolated Senufo language spoken in *Ghana*. Palaka has been separated from the other Senufo languages at least since the fourteenth century AD.

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Notes

1.

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Palaka	
Kpalaka	
Native to	Mali
Region	Sikasso Region
Native speakers	(8,000 cited 1995) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo - Atlantic–Congo - Senufo - Central Palaka
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	plr
Glottolog	pala1342 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/pala1342) ^[2]



Palaka area, some neighbouring languages, and the other Senufo languages.

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